1 CURTIS G. OLER (Bar No. 63689) LAW OFFICES OF CURTIS G. OLER 2 Post Office Box 15083 San Francisco, California 84115 Telephone: 415 346-8015 3 Facsimile: 415 346-8238 4 T OF CALIFORNIA Attorney for Plaintiff 5 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 7 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 8 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION 9 BRANDI BROOKS, 10 Plaintiff, COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATOR RELIEF, INJUNCTIVE RELIEF VS. 11 AND DAMAGES 12 BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, 113 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1981 Defendant. 14 Plaintiff alleges: 15 16 I FACTS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION 17 1. Plaintiff, BRANDI BROOKS, is a Black (African American) female and was 18 19 employed by the University of California at Oakland, California. 20 2. Defendant, BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, is a public entity of the State of California and owns, operates and maintains the campuses of the 21 22 University of California in the State of California. 23 3. On or about December 4, 2000, Plaintiff was employed as a Licensing Assistant in the Office of Technology Transfer, University of California at 1111 Franklin Street, Oakland, 24 25 California. 4. During the entire tenure of her employment by Defendant, Plaintiff has always 26 27 28 1 Complaint for Damages

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performed all of her assigned and related duties in an excellent fashion.

- 5. Notwithstanding, Plaintiff has been subjected to egregious, unlawful, discriminatory employment practices culminating in the termination of her employment on or about October 3. 2005, without cause or provocation.
- 6. As a direct result of the acts and conduct of Defendant as alleged herein, Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer substantial loss of earnings and related employment benefits in an amount to be proven at trial herein as alleged below.

II

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C. 1981

- 7. As a first, separate and distinct cause of action, Plaintiff complains of Defendants and each of them, jointly and severally, and for a cause of action alleges:
- 8. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 6 above are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.
- 9. Jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. Section 1331 to enforce the provisions of 42 U.S.C. 1981 which guarantees, among other things that all persons shall have the same right in every State and Territory to make and enforce contracts, to sue, be parties, give evidence and to the full and equal property as is enjoyed by white citizens.
 - 9. Venue is proper in the Northern District of California.
- 10. As a direct result of the acts and conduct of Defendant, as alleged herein, Plaintiff has suffered loss of and continues to suffer substantial loss of earnings and related employment benefits in an amount to be proven at trial herein.
- 11. In doing the acts and in engaging in the conduct herein alleged, Defendant intended to and did vex, harass, annoy and cause Plaintiff to suffer and continue to suffer severe emotional distress for which Plaintiff has been compelled to seek and continue medical care and incur medical expenses therefor.

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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays judgment against Defendant as follows:

- (A) Grant Plaintiff a declaratory judgment that Defendants have violated Plaintiff's rights as guaranteed by, 42 U.S.C. Section 1981 in committing the acts and in engaging in the conduct complained of herein;
- (B) Permanently enjoin Defendants, their agents, successors, and employees and those acting in concert with them from engaging in each of the unlawful practices and policies complained of herein;
- C) Award Plaintiff damages for all earnings lost, including future earnings loss and for loss of related employment benefits;
 - (D) Award Plaintiff damages for lost career and employment opportunities;
- (E) Order that all negative material be removed from Plaintiff's personnel file or any other files or records maintained in connection with Plaintiff's employment;
- (F) Award Plaintiff damages for severe psychological harm in an amount to be proven at trial;
 - (G) Award Plaintiff costs of suit;
 - (F) Grant Plaintiff reasonable attorney's fees; and
 - (G) Grant Plaintiff such other and future relief as the Court may deem proper and just.

II

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 12900, ET SEQ.,

12940a and h

As a second, separate and distinct cause of action, Plaintiff complains of Defendants and each of them, jointly and severally, and for a cause of action alleges:

12. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 11 above are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.

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Complaint for Damages

13. Jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to the provisions of Government Code
Section 12965, as amended, seeking a declaratory judgment, injunctive relief and damages for
violations of Plaintiff's employment rights as protected by the Fair Employment and Housing
Act, (FEHA), Government Code Section 12940a and h, which prohibits discrimination, among
others, on account of race, color and national origin/ancestry, sex, and retaliation for protesting
violations of said Fair Employment and Housing Act.

- 14. Said conduct against Plaintiff as alleged in paragraph 5 above, were taken against Plaintiff on account of her race, color, and national origin, sex, and in retaliation against her as alleged herein.
- 15. As a direct result of the acts and conduct of Defendant, as alleged herein, Plaintiff has suffered loss of and continues to suffer substantial loss of earnings and related employment benefits in an amount to be proven at trial herein.
- 16. In doing the acts and in engaging in the conduct herein alleged, Defendant intended to and did vex, harass, annoy and cause Plaintiff to suffer and continue to suffer severe emotional distress for which Plaintiff has been compelled to seek and continue medical care and incur medical expenses therefor.
- 17. Plaintiff duly filed an administrative charge of discrimination herein with the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) which duly issued a notice of right to sue herein. Within 60 days after the filing of said complaint, Plaintiff duly served same on Defendants by certified mail. Plaintiff has exhausted all of her administrative remedies herein, and this action has been timely filed.

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WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays judgment against Defendant as follows:

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- (B) Permanently enjoin Defendants, their agents, successors, and employees and those acting in concert with them from engaging in each of the unlawful practices and policies complained of herein;
- C) Award Plaintiff damages for all earnings lost, including future earnings loss and for loss of related employment benefits;
 - (D) Award Plaintiff damages for lost career and employment opportunities;
- (E) Order that all negative material be removed from Plaintiff's personnel file or any other files or records maintained in connection with Plaintiff's employment;
- (F) Award Plaintiff damages for severe psychological harm in an amount to be proven at trial;
 - (G) Award Plaintiff costs of suit;
 - (H) Grant Plaintiff reasonable attorney's fees; and
 - (I) Grant Plaintiff such other and future relief as the Court may deem proper and just.

Dated: May 18, 2007

Respectfully submitted.

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